

Shelton State Community College



Annual Report 1990

FOOTNOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Reflecting on this past year, I see Shelton State Community College in a unique position. The college has the potential to become the largest and finest two-year institution in the state. We have one of the best faculties of any college or university in Alabama. Shelton has indeed found a unique place within the community as the one institution belonging solely to the people of West Alabama. Potentially, our enrollment could reach 10,000 students. More students from West Alabama continue to choose Shelton State over all other colleges and universities. To meet the needs of our students, the college's budget this year exceeded \$15 million, making it one of the largest in the state.

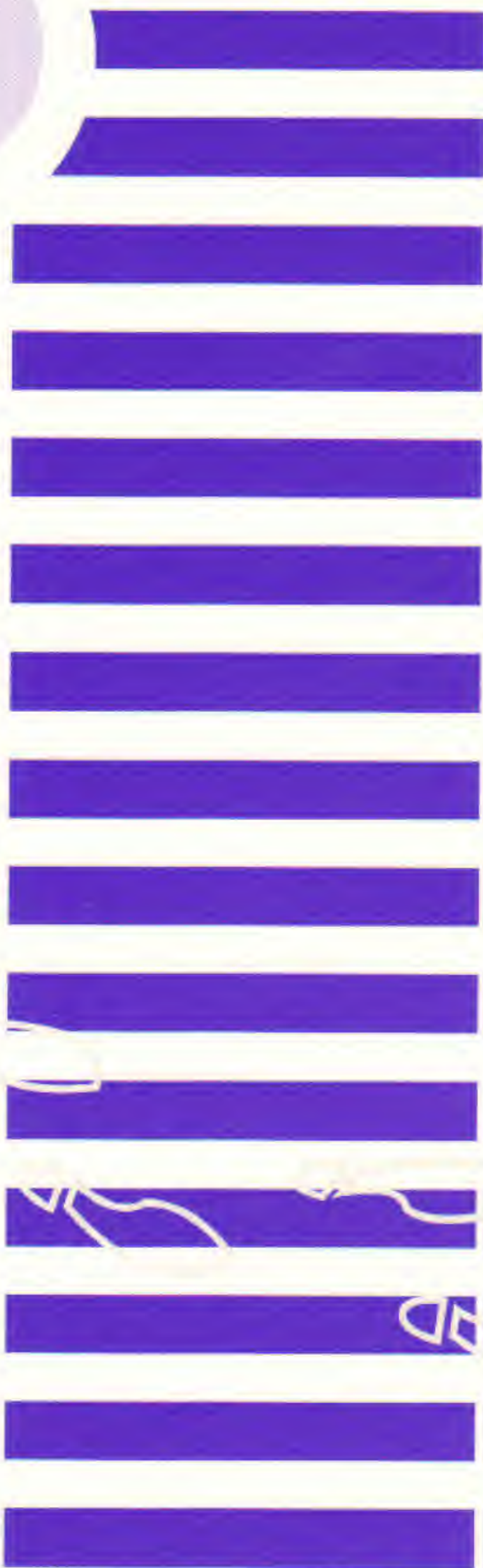
We have accomplished a great deal these past twelve months. Yet, we all know we must continue to address the educational problems facing the people of this area. Once again, the college has received less money while at the same time, undertaking the enormous task of educating the growing number of people within the community who are the least prepared for college. With all our potential, Shelton State still faces the old problems of inadequate funding, outdated buildings and equipment, portable classrooms, etc.

The year 1991 will be a critical one for the college. Last year, through the assistance of Representatives Roy Johnson and Phil Poole and Senator Ryan deGraffenried, the Alabama Legislature approved a request for \$1,000,000.00 to purchase land for a new campus. This year we hope to complete the purchase of the property and to develop strategies that will enable us to finance this new campus. As president of the college, I can assure you we will look to local, state, and federal sources to secure the needed funds.

Our plans call for us to expand and to upgrade our curriculum and in the process, create a work force capable of providing business and industry with needed employees. Our new Tech Prep program will offer students in area high schools the opportunity to receive vocational and occupational training before graduation. Another technical program initiated in 1990 was Program Future, a cooperative effort between Shelton State and the Tuscaloosa City School System. Other new programs scheduled to be on the curriculum by the end of 1991 include Horticulture/Turf Management, Solid Waste Management, and Water Laboratory Associate Degree.

In an effort to better serve the people of this area, Shelton State is offering classes in several areas outside of Tuscaloosa County.





Classes have been offered in Centreville for several years. This fall classes were also offered in Eutaw, Boligee, and Greensboro, Alabama.

Through the assistance of Title III, the college opened the doors of our new Success Center this year, and our telecommunications system will be operational by early 1991. Professional development funds, offered under Title III, have allowed our faculty and staff to attend conferences, seminars, and other programs that have helped them become better teachers.

We believe that Shelton State Community College today stands on the brink of greatness. We have the potential to make an even greater difference in the lives of the people in our service area. Through total utilization of our resources, we can help erase illiteracy, improve the educational level of people in West Alabama, provide business and industry with a trained work force, and help to improve the quality of life for the people of our state.

However, the college cannot work in isolation. If Shelton State is to make a positive difference in the lives of the people of West Alabama, then a total commitment by the men and women of this area is needed. This effort cannot wait until the year 2000. We need your support to build a truly comprehensive community college, positioned and ready to serve the people in 1991 and beyond.

Dr. Thomas E. Umphrey
President
Shelton State Community College



IN 1990 SHELTON STATE WAS THE RIGHT STEP FOR A RECORD NUMBER OF WEST ALABAMIANS!

During the Fall quarter, over 5200 students enrolled in classes at Shelton State Community College, again setting a new high for the college. Almost 90% of these students were from West Alabama and over 55% from Tuscaloosa County.

A typical student entering Shelton State in 1990 was a white female age 16-18 years who graduated from a high school in Tuscaloosa County. College demographics show that over 60% of Shelton students work at least 16 hours a week.

OUR ACADEMIC AND TECHNICAL PROGRAMS WERE OFTEN THE FIRST STEP FOR THOUSANDS OF STUDENTS

During 1990, 2,521 students enrolled in our transfer program, enabling many students to take courses that are a part of the University of Alabama's Core curriculum. The strong correlation between the University and Shelton grows as Shelton State continues to provide the University with more transfer students than any other college or university in the country.

Classes in Shelton's new Wellness Center opened in the spring of 1990, and the little blue house adjacent to the Skyland Campus became a popular place for over 1,000 students of all ages. Following a national trend, Shelton has instituted wellness programs for local business and industry, knowing that corporations today can raise the performance and productivity of employees by improving their health through wellness programs.

Understanding the importance of a career in today's marketplace, over 20% of Shelton State's new students have enrolled in a technical program. Shelton's new truck driving technology program was launched Fall quarter, and the first class graduated in November. One of the most rapidly growing programs at the college is the Commercial Driver's License Program. Anyone operating a commercial vehicle is required to have a commercial driver's license by April 1992, and Shelton has been designated one of the state's three test sites. During the fall of 1990, employees from the City of Tuscaloosa, Tuscaloosa County, University of Alabama, and Peco Farms were among those completing the program.





During 1990 Shelton continued its commitment to provide West Alabama with trained health care professionals. In addition to the college's Associate Degree Nursing (ADN) and Licensed Practical Nursing (LPN) programs, Shelton now offers Nursing Assistant Home Health Aide Program, a two-quarter course of study. Upon completion of the program, students will be eligible to take the exam to become certified nursing assistants in long-term care.

SHELTON STATE STAYS IN STEP WITH THE NEEDS OF ITS STUDENTS

In December Shelton State opened its new Success Center, a centralized learning area offering individuals help in math, reading, and writing through the use of computers, visual aids, and tutors. The Success Center is open to all students interested in raising their individual learning levels, but highly motivated students and those considered to be "at risk" will be targeted. In order to increase student success, Shelton will provide an individualized tracking system to monitor each student's progression.

In 1990, as another response to student needs, the college sponsored a Student Government Association, and 25 Senators were elected to the SGA from Shelton's student body. The Shelton State Ambassadors, selected students who serve as college public relations representatives, were another popular college group. Shelton State's Phi Theta Kappa Chapter, national junior college honorary, hosted the state PTK conference in the spring and entertained new scholarship recipients with a fall reception. During 1990 the college sponsored its annual High School Art Exhibition and Competition, where local junior and senior high school students competed for prizes and scholarships.

The Office of High School Relations was actively involved this year in reaching all area schools through personal visits, career days and other activities. A Christmas coffee and a luncheon and tour of the college's technical programs were two popular activities with high school counselors and principals. Over 800 high school students toured the Fifteenth Street Campus at the annual open house. Shelton State joined Central High School in sponsoring a College Information Day in January. Counselors and financial aid advisors from colleges and universities most often attended by area students were at a local mall one Saturday to answer students' questions. As part of its Adopt-A-School program, Shelton State invited Vestavia Elementary fifth and sixth graders to its annual



"Vestavia Goes to College Day."

The music department received national recognition in 1990 when the Shelton Singers, a 35-voice choir, was one of ten junior college choirs in the country to be invited to perform at Carnegie Hall in New York City. They were accompanied during the performance by the Manhattan Philharmonic Orchestra with soloists from the Metropolitan Opera.

In April, Shelton State joined others in the observance of Earth Day. Aveda Corporation, one of the international sponsors, was at Shelton's cosmetology department offering natural beauty services to guests. Aveda Corporation and the Neil Corporation, one of Aveda's major distributors, established The Abner P. Neil Environmental Scholarship, which will be awarded annually to a student majoring in cosmetology with a focus on esthetics (skin care).

An 86-year-old great grandmother was named Shelton State's Alumnus of the Year and represented the college in statewide competition in November. Mabel Harries, who graduated from Shelton in May with a 3.8 grade point average, received numerous awards from the college including the James B. Allen Award. In December the Shelton State Foundation recognized Mrs. Harries' fundraising efforts on behalf of the college by establishing The Mabel Harries Endowed Spanish Scholarship.

During 1990 Shelton State Community College enlarged Buccaneer athletics by initiating men's and women's basketball as well as a college golf team. Shelton now offers varsity men's basketball, baseball, women's softball, basketball and volleyball and golf.

SHELTON CAN ALSO BE THE NEXT STEP FOR STUDENTS

The number of adult students continues to increase each year as more people over 25 years of age enter college in order to learn new skills, refine their old ones, or simply increase their own self satisfaction. Shelton's Senior Studies program is designed for students 60 years of age and older and offers tuition-free classes to this growing group of students. Shelton offers two special programs for adult students at the college, New Options and the Life Writing program. New Options is a free, 10-week program for displaced homemakers and single parents and is open to everyone interested in making changes in their lives. The Life Writing Center offers adult students the opportunity to write or tape the stories of their lives.





THE ALABAMA WATER RESOURCES TRAINING CENTER

During 1990 the Alabama Water Resources Training Center, located in South Tuscaloosa County, offered education and training to the water and wastewater (sewer) operators of Alabama. From October 1, 1989 through September 30, 1990, over 2200 students received classroom and on-the-job training through the Technical Assistance Programs.

The water center also offered on-campus courses for operators who could not be served by the field staff. Needed equipment was also added to the chemistry, instrumentation and maintenance laboratories, making them among the best in the Southeast. The Associate Degree in Water and Wastewater Management Technology now offers programs in ten junior and community colleges in the state. Since it began in 1988, the program has awarded certificates of completion for the six core courses in this degree program to 88 students.

THE ALABAMA STATE FIRE COLLEGE

The Alabama Fire College and Personnel Standards Commission continues to provide quality training for career and volunteer firefighters and industrial personnel throughout the state. This past year 12,572 firefighters were trained for a total of 343,218 student hours. A total of 423 classes were held in the four designated regions of the state as well as at the Fire College campus. Certification is provided for both career and volunteer firefighters and 315 career and 390 volunteer firefighters were certified this past year.

TRAINING FOR BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY

The Beatrice H. Morrison Industrial Training Center celebrated its first birthday in October, and Harrison Radiator was recognized as the focal point of the center's operation this first year. Each of their approximately 200 employees received 250 hours of training. During 1990 the center also provided training for Alabama Power Company, JVC Magnetics America Company, DCH Regional Medical Center, and several other local firms.

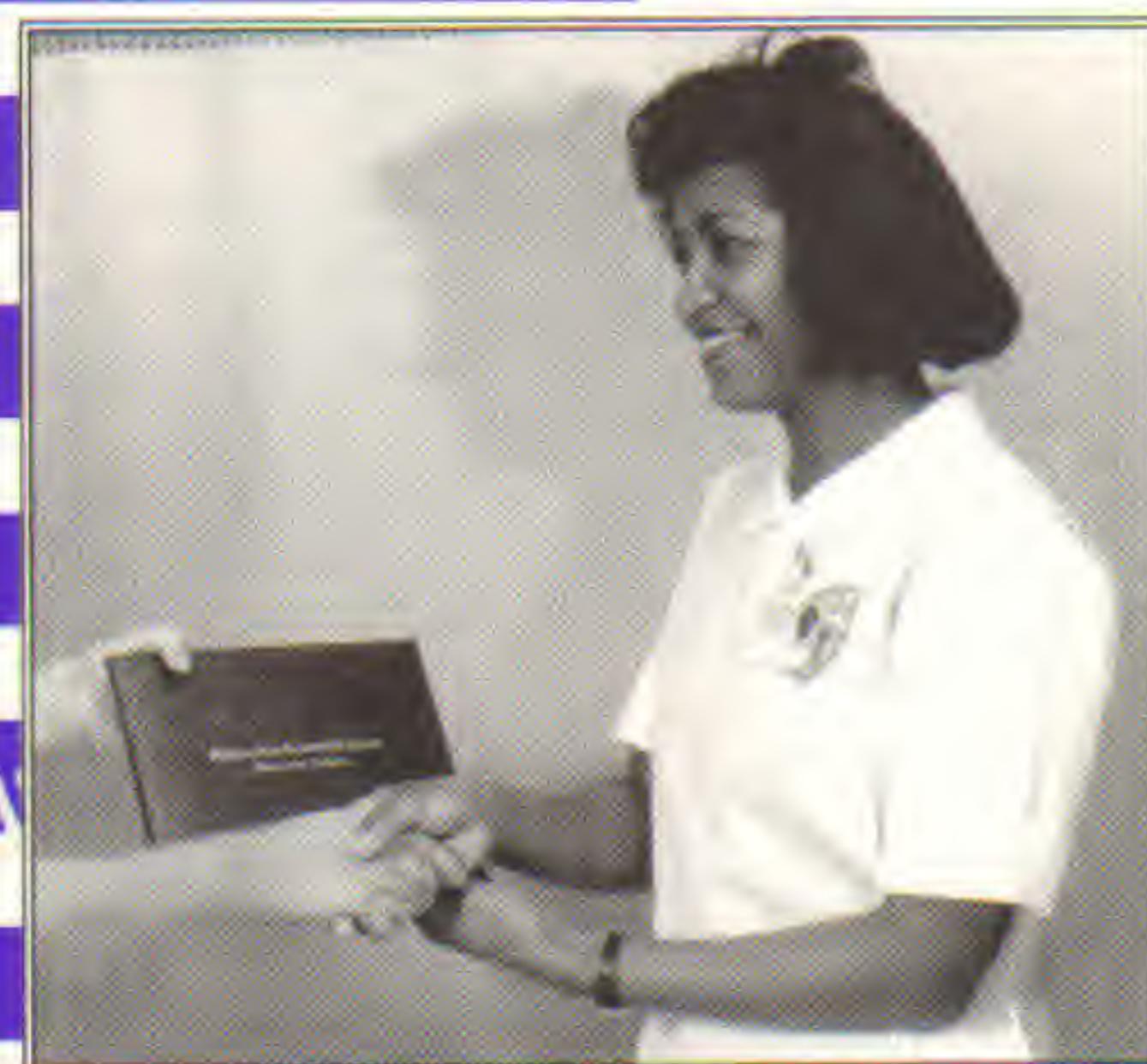
CAMPUS IMPROVEMENTS

A number of construction and renovation projects were undertaken by the college during 1991 including Wellness Center, athletic offices, and moveable classrooms; eight college administrative offices; drill field, office, and classroom improvement at the Fire College; Water System Training Project and lake at the Alabama Water Resources Training Center; and many others.

COLLEGE FUNDING

Shelton State Community College grew in 1990 to an enrollment of over 5,000 students; yet, money received from state appropriations decreased by over \$272,000.00. The college received a number of grants from the federal and state governments; the largest was the Title III Higher Education Act sponsored by the Department of Education. During 1990, the college was in the second of a five-year grant period for Title III, and several activities were implemented, including a telecommunication system linking the Skyland and Fifteenth Street campuses. A plan to increase student retention was developed in 1991, and an Assessment Center was established with an early warning system to identify students with the potential for academic problems (the Success Center, described earlier, was a part of this activity). Title III has also provided faculty with in-service workshops, technical assistance for curriculum development and travel to conferences to enhance faculty development. Other grants received by the college in 1990 include: Adult Basic Education; Adult Set-Aside; Community Based Organization; Counseling and Guidance; Sex Equity Grant; Title II -Perkins Vocational Education; Title IVD Student Financial Aid; Special Services; Student Support Services; Displaced Homemakers (New Options); Library Enhancement; Talent Search; Disadvantaged and Handicapped. Through the efforts of state Senator Ryan deGraffenried, the college received the funds necessary to purchase a new student activities bus in 1990.

The Shelton State Foundation continued its active support of the college and in 1990 established additional scholarships for the college. In April the Board of Directors of the West Alabama Health Council established the West Alabama Health Council Endowed Scholarship Fund that will award scholarships each year to students





from this area who are enrolled in nursing and other health related fields. During 1990 Southern Heat Exchanger Corporation and McAbee Construction, Inc. created scholarships and a cooperative education plan for students enrolled in the college's drafting program. Other scholarships awarded on an annual basis are the Thomas E. Umphrey Presidential Scholarship and the Belinda Hughes Memorial Scholarship.

FUTURE STEPS

In 1991 Shelton State will continue its plan for Institutional Effectiveness which has been in place since 1988. The two major events that will affect Shelton's planning in the future are the approaching Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Reaffirmation visit and the purchase of land with the money granted to Shelton by the state legislature. When this acquisition takes place, the institution's first priority will be the building of a new campus.

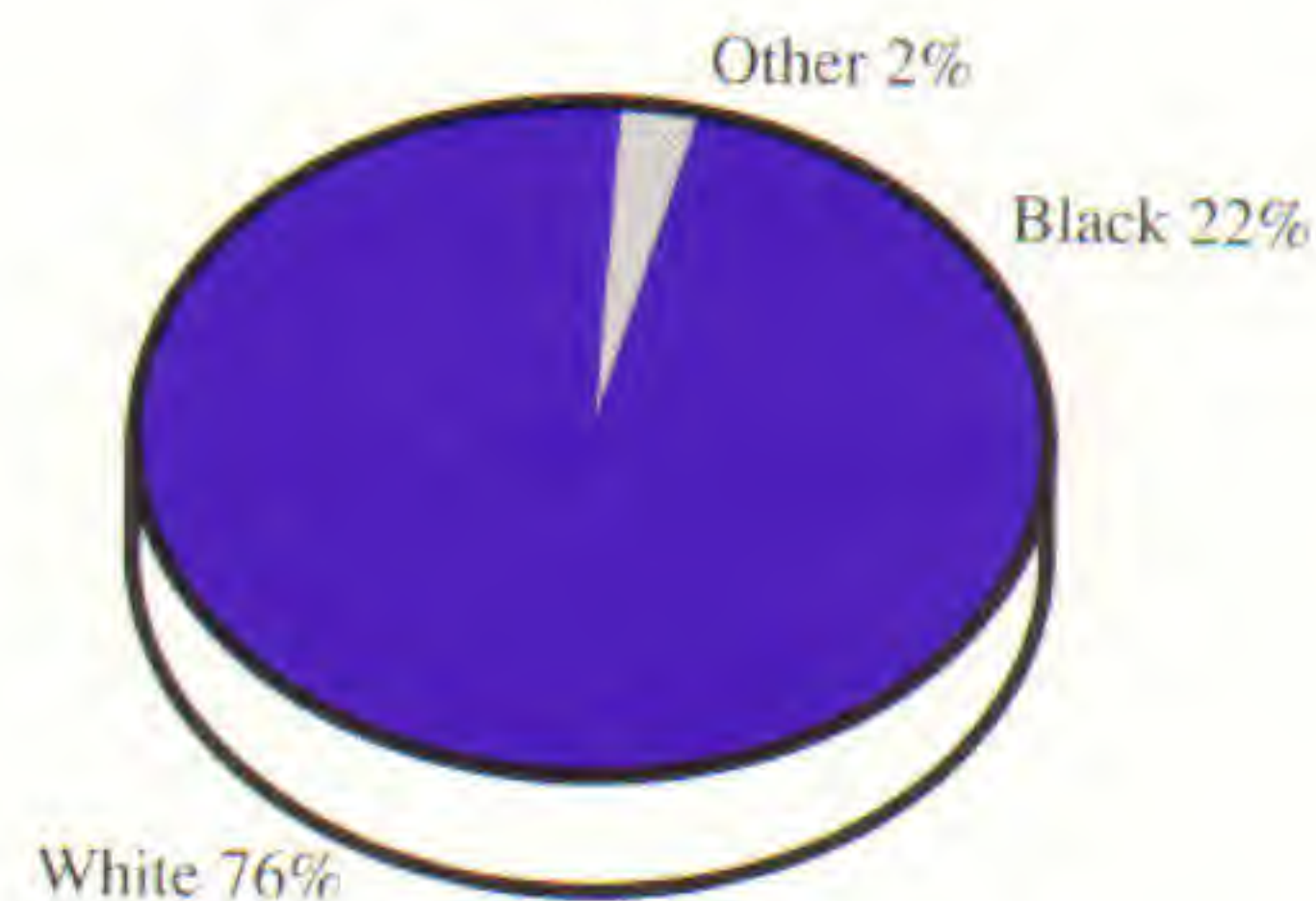
The future looks bright for Shelton State Community College. Our feet are firmly planted in the West Alabama soil, and we stand committed to improving the lives of the people of this area. However, your support is critical to our success. With your help, we can take the next step.



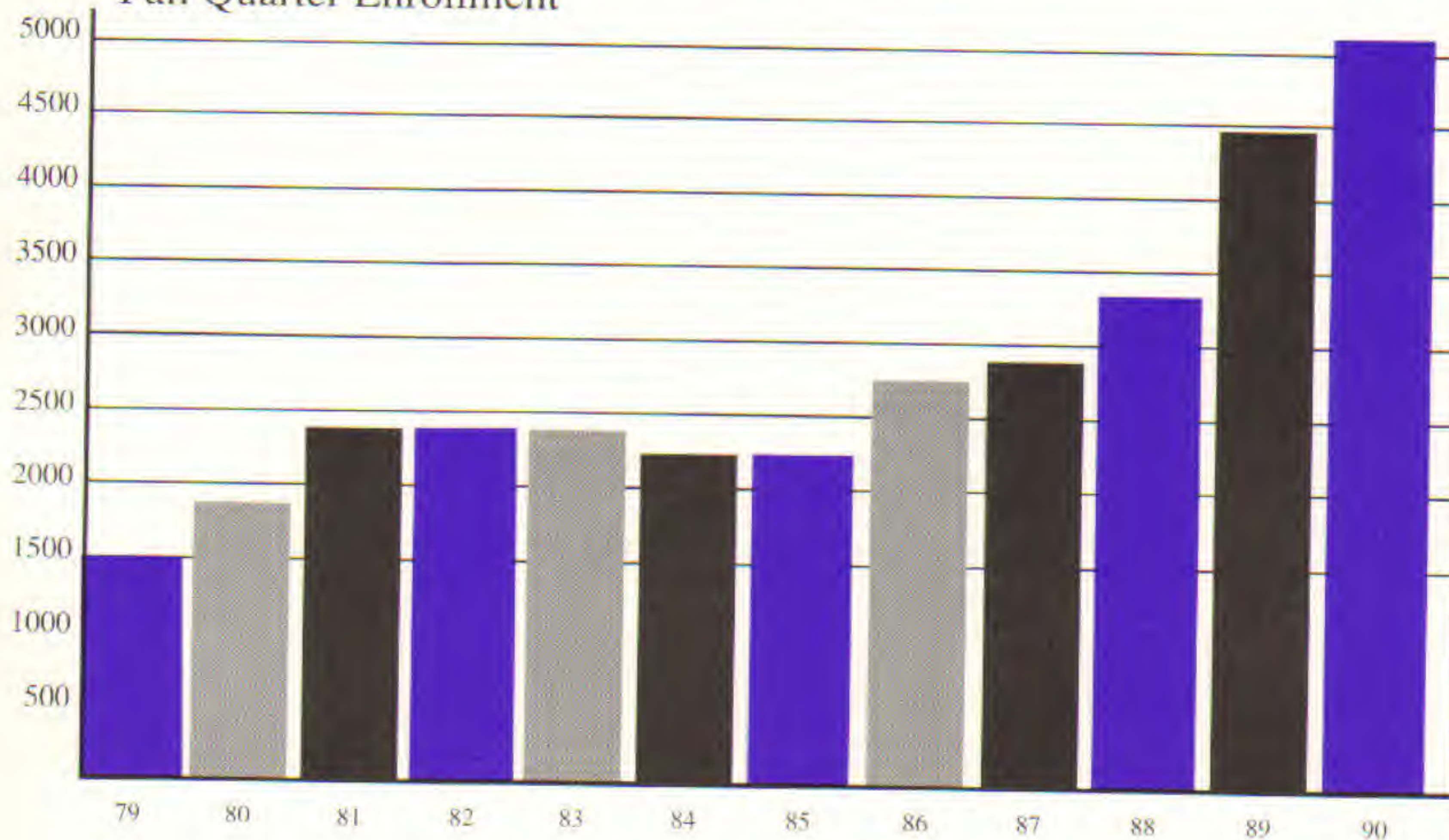


Ethnic Background Fall 190 New Students

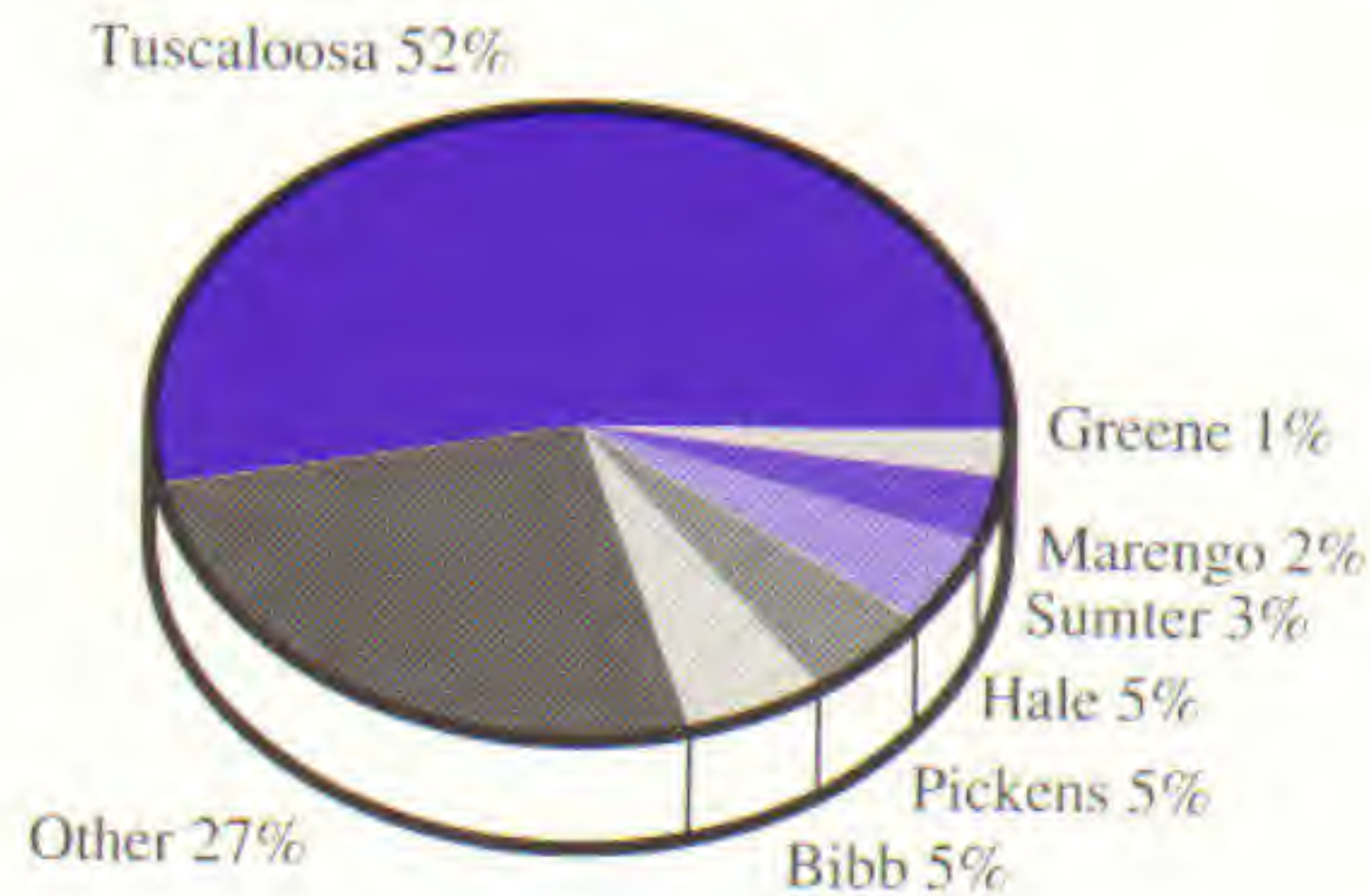
Ethnic Background		
White/Caucasian	854	76.18%
Black/Afro-American	243	21.68%
Asian/Pac. Islander	11	0.98%
Other	7	0.62%
American Indian	5	0.45%
Mx-American/Chicano	1	0.09%
Other Hispanic	0	0.00%
Filipino	0	0.00%
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Fall Quarter Enrollment

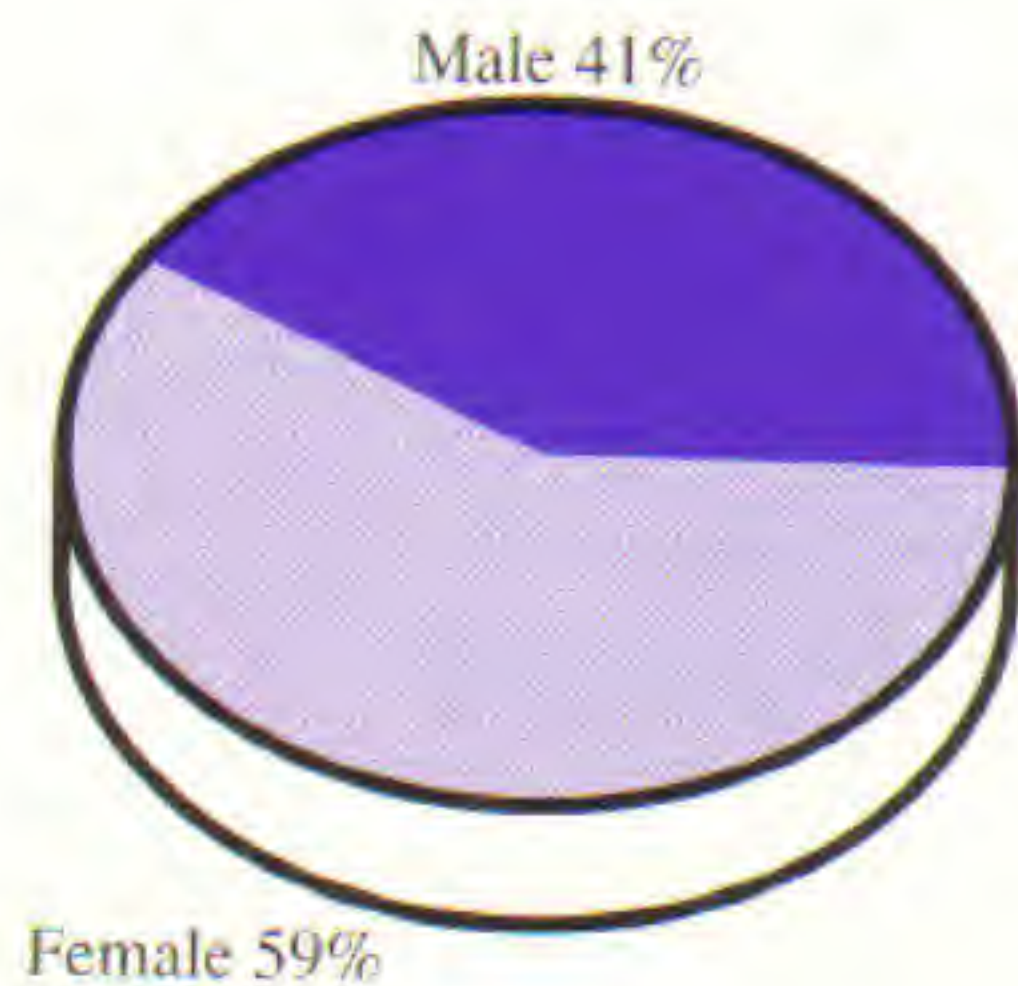


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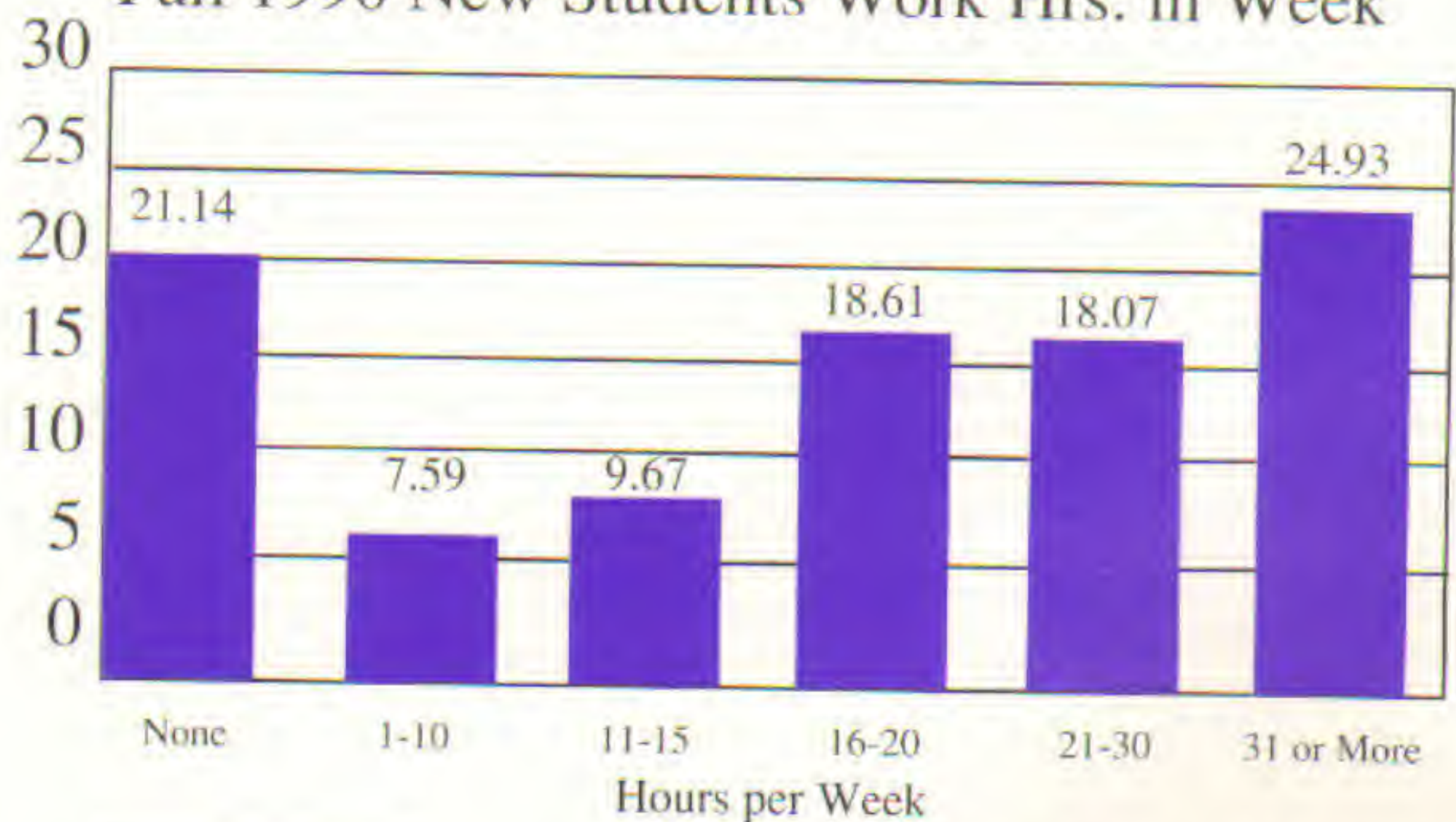


County Attended High School:		
Tuscaloosa	514	52.34%
Other	263	26.78%
Bibb	50	5.09%
Pickens	48	4.89%
Hale	45	4.58%
Sumter	34	3.46%
Marengo	22	2.24%
Greene	6	0.61%
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Sex Distribution Fall 1990 New Students



Fall 1990 New Students Work Hrs. in Week



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Weekly Employment Plans While Enrolled

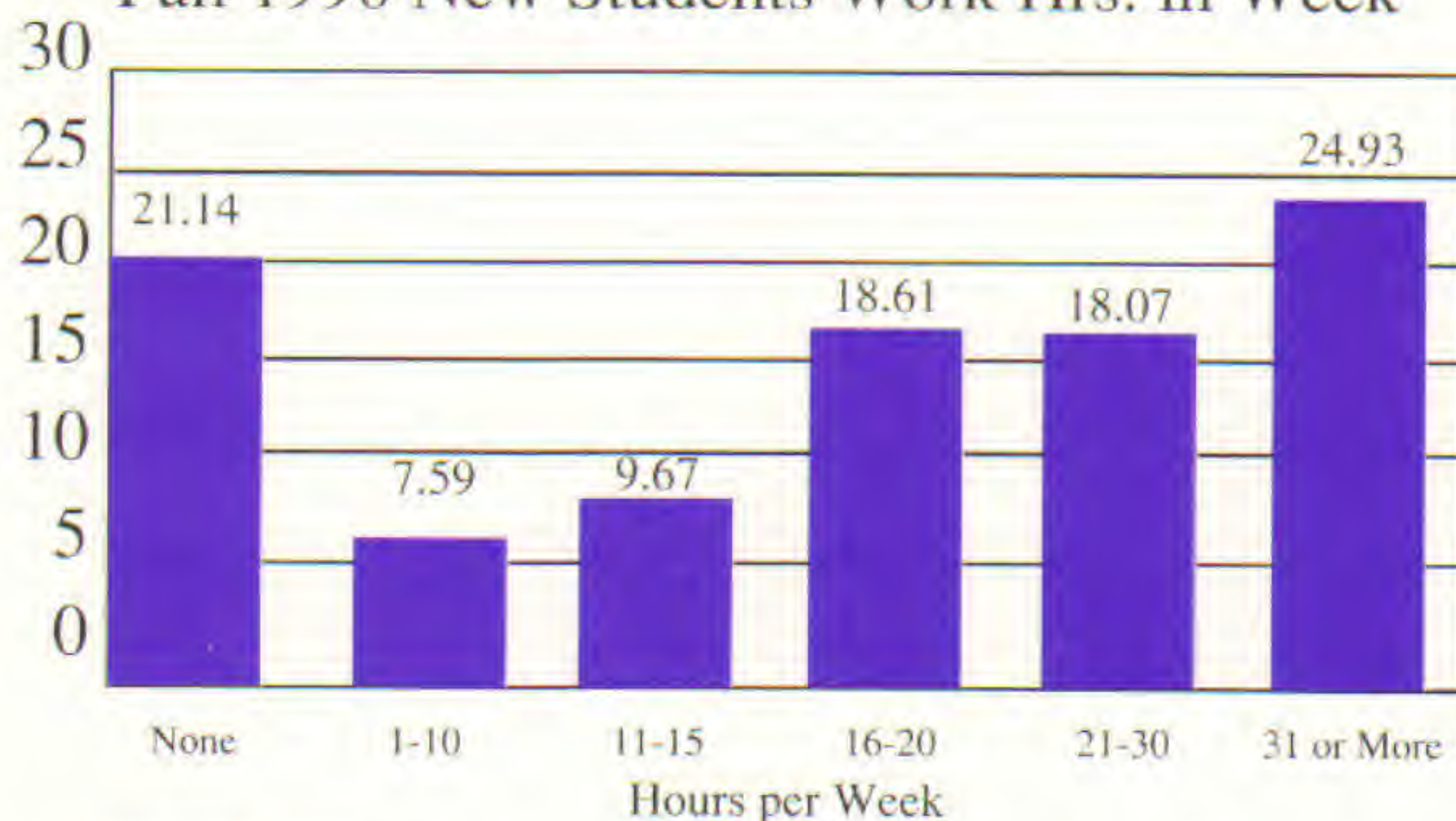
None	234	21.14%
1-10	84	7.59%
11-15	107	9.67%
16-20	206	18.61%
21-30	200	18.07%
31 or More	276	24.93%
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REVENUE CATAGORY	AMOUNT	PER CENT TOTAL BUDGET
STATE APPROPRIATION	7,772,451	54.8
LOCAL (INSTITUTION GENERATED)	4,072,566	28.7
FEDERAL	2,349,435	16.5
TOTAL	14,194,452	100.0

SUMMARY OF 1989-90 EXPENDITURES

EXPENDITURES	AMOUNT	PER CENT TOTAL BUDGET
EDUCATION AND GENERAL		
INSTRUCTIONAL	6,240,316	43.5
ACADEMIC SUPPORT	1,029,709	7.2
STUDENT SERVICES	1,090,882	7.6
INSTITUTIONAL SUPPORT	2,313,606	16.1
PLANT OPERATIONS	1,272,226	8.9
SCHOLARSHIPS AND PELL GRANT	1,497,742	10.4
AUXILIARY ENTERPRISES	910,847	6.3
TOTAL	14,355,328	100.0

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Age of New Students Fall 1990

